MINUTES OF CHAPTER MEETING – MARCH 20, 2005

The meeting was held at the Hot Springs Country Club, Hot Springs Arkansas.

President Medlin called the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were adopted and approved. Emma Knotts present the budget report and opened for questions from the chapter. No questions, budget was adopted and approved. Amy Stoddard will be taking pictures and can download your pictures to post to the website. Renee Gates announced new members: Lateresa Smith, Jenny Foshee, Debra Baker, Tim Walbert, Diane Wilkins and presented Deborah Grimmett and Ron Quillin with NIGP pins.

New Business:

President Medlin proposed changes to the bylaws (1) Election of Officers holding national membership. (2) Dues currently being pro-rated. Proposed changes will be posted on the website and will be voted on at the next meeting. Renea Haycraft member of the Mississippi Association of Governmental Purchasing/Property Agents and the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing spoke to the chapter regarding the NIGP website and the benefits of joining the NIGP National Chapter. She voiced her support for Patti Wallace who is seeking seat 15 At-Large-Seat. President Medlin stated that she had voted for Patti Wallace.

President Medlin presented the following awards:

<u>Past President:</u> Presented to Joe Giddis, President Medlin thanked him for his dedication and service for 2004.

<u>Buyer of the Year:</u> Presented to Renee Gates, she has been with OSP for 28 years.

<u>Manager of the Year:</u> Presented to Gail Hester, LRSD she has been very active in the chapter.

<u>Ed Erxleben Award:</u> Presented to Jerry Hester, OSP. This award has only been given once to Mike Pearson. Jerry Hester was recognized for his dedication and service and his commitment to the Arkansas NIGP Chapter.

The next meeting will be held on May 12, 2005 at the North Hills Country Club, North Little Rock at 4:30 p.m. Members will be allowed to play golf.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. Music was then provided by Dayton Waters & The Pierson Water Project.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Cassandra McCuien-Smith, CPPO CPPB

Secretary, Arkansas Chapter of NIGP